

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 23—1931.

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A. C. HOLLIS,
Governor.

10th June, 1931.

AN ORDINANCE relating to the exportation of Fruit.

[On Proclamation.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Exportation of Fruit Ordinance, 1931.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance—

“Fruit” means any fresh fruit, nut, or vegetable to which this Ordinance shall be made to apply by proclamation of the Governor in Executive Council.

“Fruit Inspector” means any person or persons appointed by the Governor to exercise the powers of inspection of fruit under this Ordinance.

“Packing House” means the packing house or houses as specified in the Regulations.

“Regulations” means regulations made under this Ordinance.

The word “export” shall be applicable only to fruit shipped for marketing outside of the Colony.

3. All fruit intended for export shall be packed and shipped in accordance with this Ordinance and the Regulations. Packing and shipping.

4. The Governor may appoint fit and proper persons to be Fruit Inspectors, one of whom shall be designated as the Chief Fruit Inspector. Inspectors.

5. The person in charge of a Packing House shall give written notice to the Chief Fruit Inspector of the time during which it is proposed to pack fruit, and no fruit shall be wrapped or packed until it shall have been inspected and approved by a Fruit Inspector. Such examination shall include inspection of the containers and such supervision as is possible of the packing of such fruit. Inspection.

6. It shall be the duty of every Fruit Inspector to satisfy himself that fruit intended for export conforms to the specifications set out in the Regulations. Duty of Inspector.

7. On being satisfied that the requirements of section 3 of this Ordinance have been complied with, the Fruit Inspector shall mark each package of fruit intended for export with a stamp showing that the fruit in such package has been inspected and passed as fit for export by a Fruit Inspector and at the same time shall issue a certificate in the form in the Schedule hereto. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence that the requirements of this Ordinance and the Regulations have been complied with. Stamping of packages and issue of certificate.

8. No person shall export or attempt to export fruit unless all the requirements of this Ordinance and the Regulations have been complied with, and no person shall wilfully tamper with any package after the same has been certified as fit for export. Unauthorized export.

9. The Collector of Customs shall refuse to permit the exportation of fruit not certified by a Fruit Inspector as fit for export, and may also exercise the like power Power of Collector of Customs.

whenever he has reasonable cause to suspect that any certified package of fruit has been tampered with after certification by a Fruit Inspector.

Regulations. **10.**—(1) The Governor in Executive Council may make regulations with regard to the exportation of fruit and generally for carrying into effect the provisions and purposes of this Ordinance, including the payment of fees.

(2) Regulations made under this section shall not have any force or effect until they have been approved by the Legislative Council, and when so approved by resolution shall, as from the date of such approval, have the same force and effect as if they were contained in and formed part of this Ordinance.

(3) All such regulations shall, after approval, be published in the *Royal Gazette*.

Penalties. **11.** Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Ordinance or of the Regulations shall be liable on summary conviction by a magistrate to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

Commence-ment. **12.** This Ordinance shall commence on such day as may be fixed by the Governor by proclamation.

SCHEDULE.

FRUIT INSPECTOR'S CERTIFICATE.

Date.	Name of Shipper.	Ship.	No. of packages and Identification Mark.	Description of fruit.	Grade.	No. of fruit per case.

I hereby certify that I have examined the fruit specified above and that, in my opinion, it is fit for export.

Fruit Inspector.

Date :

Place :

Passed in Council this twenty-second day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

J. O'CONNOR,
for Clerk of the Council,